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Minnesota Gambling Control Board

Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Duck Pond" Raffle

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The following game concept and game requirements may be used by all organizations to conduct a "Duck Pond" raffle.

Game Concept

Participants "adopt" a floating rubber/plastic duck by evidence of a corresponding raffle ticket or a certificate of participation. The ducks, all of equal size and shape and each with a unique number permanently imprinted, are dropped into a container of water sufficient to hold all the ducks. After the ducks are in the container, they will be randomly dispersed (by paddle) in the container. One by one, ducks will be drawn from the container and publicly announced by an individual who is ineligible to enter the contest. The order by which the ducks are removed from the container will be the order of prizes won (1st selection wins top prize, 2nd selection wins the 2nd biggest prize, etc.). If a selected duck is determined to be "unsold" then the next available prize will go to the next selected duck.

Game Requirements

1. Raffle tickets/certificates of participation must include all relevant information:
 - organization name and license or permit number;
 - time, date, and location of the selection of winners;
 - entry price;
 - when applicable, a statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any fees or taxes (posted in game rules also);
 - sequential numbered tickets/certificates; and
 - a corresponding "stub" or other record to include player information (name, address, telephone number).
The record must correspond to the individually numbered duck.
2. A corresponding master list of all tickets/entries/certificates maintained by organization reflecting all sold and unsold entries.
3. The player/ticketholder is not required to be present to win.
4. Tickets/certificates can only be purchased using cash or check (no credit cards) and no entries may be sold after the ducks have entered the water.
5. All entries have an equal chance of selection, and all ducks are the same shape, size, and weight, and are released at the same time.
6. The event must be viewed publicly and conducted in such a way to avoid any interference (general public must not interfere with the ducks floating in the water).
7. The organization must publicly post the "Rules of the Game" so all participants understand the process of selection. A statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any applicable fees or taxes must be included.
8. All sold and unsold entries must be accounted for including reconciliation for price variance for quantity purchases. For purposes of this raffle, entries are the actual ducks placed in the water and must correspond to the master list of adoption.
9. If the winning duck is determined to be an "unsold" entry, the winning prize will revert back to the next qualified (sold) entry.
10. Entry in the duck pond raffle is not conditional upon any other purchase.
11. All prizes available must be publicly posted at the event site.

**If you have any questions regarding conduct, contact the
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